

# Resurrection Acts 1:8 Missions (RAM)— *International*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Houston, in all Texas and the USA, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 adapted*

## JULY TEAM

**Hosting Organization: The Mobility Project** ([www.mobilityproject.org](http://www.mobilityproject.org))

### **Location: Mazahua Mission, Mexico**

Mazahua Mission is located in a beautiful mountainous area in the State of Mexico about two and one-half hours northwest of Mexico City (85 miles from the international airport). We are located at an altitude of nearly 10,000 feet above sea level. The altitude also makes even the fittest person gasp for breath after walking up a hill or running for a short distance. Your lungs will get used to it. Good news—our summer highs are 70's!

**Dates: July 19-26, 2008**

### **Particulars:**

#### **Service Opportunities:**

Wheelchair distributions and seating at the Mazahua Mission site and/or in local communities; work with local churches through community outreaches and worship; light construction and painting with churches and/or the Mazahua Mission facilities; prison ministry; and interaction with local community—children and adults.

#### **Lodging:**

Mazahua Mission is located in an ex-hacienda built in 1718, which has been reconstructed for our ministry programs and for Christian retreats. Most sleeping areas are dormitory style. The buildings are rustic, not unlike most campgrounds in the US. There is no central heating (and air-conditioning is not needed). We have hot water most of the time. There are showers and toilets, some within the dorms, some at a short distance centrally located for more than one dorm. While electricity and water normally work, there might be some times when there isn't one or the other or neither. Be prepared for the unexpected.

#### **Meals & Transportation Included:**

TMP provides all ground transportation from and to the airport and throughout the week. All meals are carefully prepared from the kitchen on-site. This is a new site for us to send a Team, but TMP has successfully coordinated many Teams here over several years.

#### **RAM Teams sent to serve with TMP since 2003:**

*2003—one Team (Mazatlan, Mexico)*

*2004—two Teams (San Salvador, El Salvador)*

*2005—two Teams (San Salvador, El Salvador)*

*2006—two Teams (Mazatlan, Mexico)*

#### **Sign up by:**

Sunday, January 20, 2008

**Our Team limited to 20 participants.**

**Orientation for all Teams:**

Monday, January 28, 2008 @ 6:30pm

**\$100 Deposit Due:**

February 2008

**Chili/Gumbo Cook-Off Fundraiser:**

Saturday, March 6, 2008

**Team Training Meetings Required:**

March through June (various dates on Mondays @ 6:30pm)

**Total Trip Cost per Participant:**

~\$900 (*airfare at time of booking may alter this figure*)—Fundraisers with Team participation will be held to reduce cost to individuals (i.e., Chili/Gumbo Cook-Off). Individual balance due by June 1, 2008.

## **The Mobility Project—*Philosophy:***

Throughout the world, there are tens of millions of people with various disabilities who cannot afford the basic equipment needed to obtain mobility, and thus to participate as active members of their communities.

The causes of these disabilities are varied: disease, war, land mines, and accidents. In many cases, they are the members of loving families... but families who are simply too poor to afford the needed equipment. In many developing—or “third world”—countries, a simple wheelchair can cost as much as three years’ salary. This is why ***The Mobility Project*** came into being. ***The Mobility Project*** exists to serve disabled people living in poverty throughout the developing nations of the world.

The Mobility Project is a non-profit humanitarian organization, committed to serving people with disabilities who have a wealth of unique gifts to offer their community, but have been hindered from doing so by poverty and the resulting lack of even the most basic mobility aids.

But more importantly, we are a group of individuals who all share a common passion. And we exist to serve individuals... valuable wonderful individuals with a bright hope and a future! We would love for you to meet them, and us!

## **The Mobility Project—*History with Resurrection:***

Resurrection Lutheran Church and our RAM Teams have been supportive of ***The Mobility Project*** since 2003 when we first contacted Steve Oliver about our interest in serving an outreach mission endeavor in an international setting. That was the year we also organized mobility aid collections.

## **Wheelchair Collections:**

Resurrection Lutheran Church is one of the mobility device collection centers in the USA for ***The Mobility Project*** and ***PUSH, International***. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches in any condition (even parts) are collected at the church and shipped to refurbishing centers for future distribution to the poor in many locations around the world. Wheelchairs can cost as much as a year’s wages and would be impossible to own in many countries. They are given with no strings attached to those encountered by this organization.

Please be on the lookout for any unused mobility devices that can be brought to the church and recycled to those in need. Donation receipts can be given from the church. If cards are completed and attached to the wheelchairs when donated, a thank you photo will be sent to the donor showing the recipient seated in the chair they gave.

Contact the church office or our **Collections Team Leaders**: Jack Waters, Ron Robinson, and Scott Brodie, for more info or to join the Collections Team.